

PAG/M-934-65
8 January 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director, NPIC

SUBJECT: Role of NPIC in Immediate Exploitation in the Field

REFERENCE: a. NPIC/PAG Memorandum PAG/M-918-64 dated 15 Dec 64
b. Ex.Dir./NPIC Memorandum BYE-36581/64 dated 24 Dec 64
c. SAO/DIA Memorandum BYE 5490/64 dated 22 Dec 64

1. The purpose and general concept of operation of overseas photographic interpretation centers in support of national reconnaissance programs as stated in reference (c) is directly opposed to that proposed by the PAG in reference (a). The PAG based its proposal on the belief that exploitation or readout of photography of national interest, as identified by the USIB, would be the responsibility of the NPIC. Reference (c) appears to modify this principal and thus raises issues beyond overseas processing and interpretation.

The SAO/DIA proposal does not offer any improvement over present procedures which again it had been the PAG assumption that this was an objective of the Ohlmeyer Committee.

It is recommended by the PAG that:

- (1) the NPIC original proposal as submitted in reference (b) should be retained in its entirety;
- (2) the responsibilities for reporting be identified and inserted within reference (c); and
- (3) paragraph 5c of reference (c) be rewritten as follows:

(c) National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC):

(1) assume responsibility for providing support to overseas exploitation centers on an ad hoc basis as requested by the USIB in support of the National Intelligence effort. This support should include:

- a. A composite team of NPIC personnel to form a nucleus for reporting effort
- b. A senior NPIC representative, responsible to the Director, NPIC, to provide direction to the overseas reporting center for the production of Photographic Interpretation Reports and the provision of Photographic Interpretation services in support of the Director in the field.

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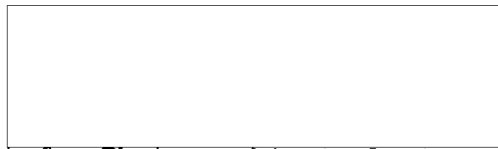
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- c. Provide such other support as determined by the NPIC representative as necessary to meet the basic responsibilities of the Director, NPIC, to provide photographic interpretation services in support of the National Intelligence effort.

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